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SUBJECT: GERMANY H1N1 FLU UPDATE: 641 CONFIRMED CASES

REF: A) Berlin 819, B) Berlin 817 and previous.

¶1. (SBU) SUMMARY: The number of H1N1 infections in Germany rose by 50 cases to a total of 641 on July 9. END SUMMARY.

¶2. (SBU) The National Reference Center for Influenza at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) announced in its press briefing July 9 a total of 50 new laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1. This increases the total number of virus cases in Germany to 641. New cases were distributed among the federal states as follows: North Rhine Westphalia (17), Baden-Wuerttemberg (2), Bavaria (1), Berlin (5), Hamburg (1), Hesse (2), Lower-Saxony (15), Rhineland-Palatinate (5), and Saxony (2).

¶3. (SBU) North Rhine-Westphalia remains the state with the highest number of virus cases among all German states with a total of 307, followed by Baden-Wuerttemberg (86) and Bavaria (67 cases). The Federal State of Saarland remains the only state without confirmed virus cases. Over half (369) of all confirmed infections in Germany have resulted from domestic transmission.

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